

## WRIGHT BROTHERS TO CONTINUE WORK

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Take Up Orville's  
Flights.

INJURED MAN IS IMPROVING

Sister Visits Him, and They  
Discuss Plans for the  
Future.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Wilbur Wright may abandon his work in France, where he has just broken all records, to take up the work here, checked by the mishap last week in which Orville Wright was hurt and his companion killed. This announcement was made today.

Charles R. Flint of New York, whose money is backing the efforts of the Wrights to conquer the air, says that Orville Wright, though much improved, will be unable to conclude his experiments here within probably five or six months.

Flint declared that he is willing to spend any amount of money to assist the Wrights in the prosecution of their life's work.

"The brothers are not the kind to give up after they once get started," he said. "The fact that Wilbur in France announces that he will not fly until Monday is itself proof that they intend to continue the experiments."

### Would End French Flight.

It is possible that Wilbur will discontinue his flights at Le Mans and come to the United States to fulfill the contract the brothers have with this country.

"Orville may insist on finishing the task he has set out to accomplish. He is a man of great determination and probably will want to meet the Government requirements in the official test without assistance."

Orville Wright was particularly cheered Saturday over the arrival of his sister, Miss Catherine Wright, from their home at Dayton, O. He has so far recovered from the shock of Thursday's disaster as to receive visitors and to discuss plans for the future.

The funeral of the late Lieutenant Selfridge will not take place until the arrival of his father and mother, who started from San Francisco today. The interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery here or at West Point.

## AMERICAN GIRL IS PRIMA DONNA

Miss "Alys" Lorraine, of  
Quincy, Illinois, Wins  
Honor Abroad.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Miss Alys Lorraine is on the high road to fame as an opera singer. At her home in America she is known as Alice, but since coming to Paris she spells it "Alys."

She is an example of what determined, patient, effort can accomplish. When she left America, about six years ago, to study singing in Europe, she had not thought of cultivating her voice beyond what was necessary for singing songs or light roles, since, though of good quality, the volume was small.

There is a story that a palmist predicted a great operatic career, but she says she was first encouraged by the celebrated tenor Tamagno, who told her she had every requisite for success in opera and that her voice would develop wonderfully if she followed out regular methods of training. Under Tamagno's guidance she practiced diligently and made great progress.

Subsequently she came to Paris and studied under Marchesi and Jean de Reszke among others. She took what was best of their teaching, but, having become more ambitious, determined to develop her voice herself to bring out what she thought were all its possibilities.

Her first success was in Monte Carlo. Then she made a hit in a song recital in London. Now she has an engagement to sing a chief role in a round of grand operas at The Hague Royal Opera House, beginning next month, and when that is ended she will have the choice of several opera houses in other European capitals.

Two American cities claim her—Minneapolis, Minn., and Quincy, Ill. The latter is her native town.

## DEVICE TO AVERT WRECK IS TESTED

The Interstate Commerce  
Commission Interested in  
New System.

ALREADY USED IN CALIFORNIA

Invention Will Stop Trains  
Automatically if Signal  
is Unheeded.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—A train stopping device, which, it is claimed, will practically eliminate the telegraph operator as a factor in the movement of trains, is now under investigation by the block signal and train control board of the interstate commerce commission. The system is an invention of P. J. Simmen of Los Angeles, Cal. It already has been installed on eighteen miles of the Santa Fe railway in Southern California and is said to be in successful operation.

By the working of the system, each train records on a sheet in the train dispatchers office the exact time it enters and the time it leaves a block. Intelligent communication is maintained between the dispatcher and the engineers in their cabs.

The dispatcher is protected against human error by the automatic interlocking of the switchboard by which he signals to trains. He can stop any or all trains on his division, but he cannot give a signal to proceed unless the block ahead is clear. The engineer, also, is protected against error by the use of an automatic stop. He is given a danger signal, either by the train dispatcher or by the presence of a train, open switch, or a broken rail in the block ahead.

### Train Stops Automatically.

This danger signal is given the engineer about a half mile before he enters a block. If on receiving the signal he should fail to reduce his speed to less than five miles an hour, or any predetermined safe rate of speed, in the next 1,000 feet traveled, his train is automatically stopped. The engineer can prevent the automatic stop from operating only by reducing his speed to the predetermined safe rate.

A recording device on the locomotive makes a record of the time and place where a danger signal is given; of the time the signal clear, how quickly the engineer responds to the danger signal, of the rate the train is running at any time; and of the time and place the engineer permits the automatic stop to operate.

## TRAVERS IS STILL GOLF CHAMPION

Successfully Defends Title at  
National Amateur  
Tournament.

GARDEN CITY, N. Y., Sept. 21.—Jerome D. Travers of Montclair, N. J., has defended his title of national amateur golf champion against a field of 133 starters, and he will retain the honor for another year, as he won out by 8 up and 7 to play from Max H. Behr, of Morris County, N. J., at the Garden City Club's links this afternoon in the finals.

Throughout the week's play the young champion was in excellent shape and played the best golf of his life every day. Travers was a prime favorite today in the final, as the experts figured that Behr could not set a pace fast enough for him. Travers made several mistakes on his tee shots, but he invariably made fine recoveries, and at the close of the first half (18 holes), he was 5 up, without showing any signs of weakening.

Behr held him on many holes, but Travers always had a bit in reserve when necessary, all through the second half, winning out on the twenty-ninth hole by 8 up and 7 to play.

He was the coolest person among the hundreds of golfing enthusiasts who crowded around the home green when President Chauncey of the United States Golf Association was ready to present the prizes.

The former champion, W. J. Travis, was there to receive the gold medal for his low score in the qualifying round, and he congratulated the young Mont Clair golfer after each of them had been given their medals.

Final round for championship. Travers beat Behr, 8 up and 7 to play.

### Mexico Wins, 5 to 0.

The Mexico (Mo.) Athletics defeated the Columbia White Sox at baseball yesterday afternoon at the fairgrounds by a score of 5 to 0.

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1st day...	285	203	301	213	167	169	102	221
2nd day...	724	470	659	399	371	374	280	382
3rd day...	1055	805	876	552	627	594	460	549
4th day...	1502	1098	1016	720	775	682	569	639
5th day...	1729	1390	1153	798	866	750	641	693
6th day...	1875	1560	1282	921	949	837	710	758
7th day...	2385	1569	1340	985	989	878	763	785
8th day...		1582	1382	1046	1009	912	784	816
9th day...		1593	1402	1082	1026	937	812	Holiday
10th day...		1608	1416	1107	1035	954	827	840
11th day...		1614	1426	1137	1052	966	844	858
12th day...		1621	1457	1191	1085	991	864	894

## HIS SUMMER HOME IS BUILT OF PAPER

Elements Fail to Shake This  
Frail New England  
Structure.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Sept. 21.—The frailtest house in New England perhaps is one which was constructed principally of thick paper, and which has for ten years stood summer showers and winter storms. The structure is owned by George L. Abell, of Wellesley, who built it himself during his spare time for a summer home. A strange part of the history of the paper house is that Mr. Abell and his family lived in it all one winter, finding it fully as warm as their modern home in the center of the town. The house is situated in the heart of the woods of Ridge Hill, a few miles from Wellesley College.

"A love of country life and a desire for the freedom of isolation were the prime factors which led us to build our home, rough though it is," said Mr. Abell.

In the summer of 1896 he had an opportunity to buy two-thirds of an acre of land covered with fifteen to twenty years' growth of chestnuts, oaks, birches and maples. It was situated three miles from the nearest railroad station, and thirteen miles from where he was then employed.

### Cost of Land Saved.

The cost of the land, \$50, had been saved. This was paid over, leaving nothing with which to build except what could be saved out of a salary of \$15 a week. The first summer he got the use of an old farmhouse a quarter of a mile distant. Here he lived, spending all his spare time in clearing a portion of his land, cutting stovewood and excavating for a cellar.

Planning originally to put up merely a tent for a summer's outing, he decided to put a floor under it. By the following spring he had saved \$60, and then various plans were considered. He finally decided to build a framework of very light construction, 12 feet high in the center, pitching to 5 feet at the sides, and

30 feet square. This was not to be boarded in, but covered outside and inside with sheathing paper and painted. The \$60 was expended for material and tools.

Estimating how much of his salary he could spare weekly to carry on work on his "house," Mr. Abell, with the help of a friend, who volunteered his services, working spare moments, completed the structure in about twelve days' working time. This, however, covered about four months elapsed time.

When \$150 had been spent Mr. Abell moved his family into the house, which then consisted principally of four walls, a leaky roof and a floor. By this time he had established credit with a lumber dealer and had no difficulty in securing material when needed, paying when convenient.

### Chicken Yard Next.

At the end of the following summer the house had been partitioned off, a chicken yard built, fruit trees and bushes planted and considerable land cleared. Mr. Abell then started in business for himself in Wellesley, two miles distant, and the real struggle began. His income became uncertain, but his credit was good. The house had now cost \$500, including the land, and Mr. Abell had performed most of the work himself.

The test of the strange house came within a few months. He decided to spend the winter therein. Purchasing a large stove which he placed in the cellar, he arranged the pipe so that it would run under as much of the floor as possible and yet have a good draft. Registers were placed over each bend in the pipe. This furnished heating apparatus which did its work well even in the coldest weather. The cellar was banked up instead of being walled, thus keeping out the wind. Mr. and Mrs. Abell and their little daughter, 2 1-2 years old, came through the winter in the best of health.

Later an addition 30 by 15 feet was built to the original house of 30 by 40 feet, the chicken yards extended, larger gardens made and considerably more woodland cleared. Mr. Abell now estimates that he has expended on the house and ten acres which he has now acquired about \$1,500.

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